

QUICK WORK.

Eight Men Unloaded Frozen Herring Cargo in 24 Hours.

The record for quick discharge of a cargo of frozen herring, in recent years at least, was that made on sch. Hiram Lowell. On Monday, the craft was towed around to Rockport to put her cargo in the freezer. Eight men had a contract to take the herring out, and the whole lot, 230,000 pounds, was discharged in just 24 hours. The vessel was towed back here yesterday afternoon.

Feb. 13.

WEEKLY FISH MARKET.

Trade shows a little improvement this week although it is not of the volume usual at this time of the year. Large dealers believe this is due almost solely to the prevailing high prices which are of course caused by the scarcity of fish and light stocks on hand. It is well perhaps that the demand is not as large as usual at this time for were it so, the supply would be quickly exhausted. As it is, even with the reduced trade, the supply may not be sufficient to last out the season and the early bank fares will find nothing but empty butts on every hand. There is good demand for all kinds of fish except dark hake and these drag.

The smoked bloater supply is shortening up and some concerns have smoked up their entire supply of salt herring. Trade in this line is good despite the high prices.

Mackerel are still weak with but little demand.

The cured fish market is very strong and rising, \$8 being asked for large Georges, a possibility that they may reach that figure. Hand line large bank cod rose to \$7, sales being made at that figure, while large shore cod sold at \$6.87 1-2 an advance of half a dollar on last sales.

The supply of "cured fish is short and no great amount is being offered to cutters and shippers. Carloads have recently been received from Bucksport. Dealers here generally look to a complete cleaning up of stock in all lines by the time the early bankers arrive.

Bad weather still hampers the fishing fleet and trips are few and far between.

All fish ex-vessel are bringing fancy prices and none are going to split. The season thus far has been most discouraging from the producers point of view, even the high prices failing to compensate for the smallness and in frequency of the trips.

The receipts at this port for the week ending Feb. 13 are

11,000 lbs. salt cod.
8,000 lbs. fresh cod.
38,000 lbs. halibut.
135,000 lbs. haddock.
1100 bbls. frozen herring.
17 bbls. salt herring.

Salt Fish from Vessel.

	Board of Trade Prices per cwt.	Outside Sales
Large Georges cod (handline)	4.50	5.00
Medium Georges cod (handline)	3.75	4.00
Large Georges cod (trawl)	4.25	
Medium Georges cod	3.50	
Large handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable	4.25	
Medium do.	3.50	
Large trawl bank cod	3.75	
Medium trawl bank cod	3.37 1 2	
Large dory handline cod	4.00	
Medium do.	3.62 1-2	

Fresh Fish from Vessel.

All large cod caught on La Have bank and to the westward	2.25	2.25
Medium do.	1.70	1.70
All large cod caught to the eastward of La Have Bank	2.25	2.25
Medium do.	1.70	1.70
Cusk	1.60	1.60
Haddock	1.00	1.35
Hake	1.10	1.10
Pollock	.60	.60

Other Prices from Vessel.

Hake sounds, 5 to 5 1-2 cts. per lb.
Livers, soft 30 cts. per bucket; hard, 90 cts. per bucket.
Fresh Bank halibut (white) 12 cts. per lb.
Fresh Bank halibut (gray) 10 cts. per lb.
Georges halibut, 12 cts and 10 cts. per lb. for white and gray.
Newfoundland salt herring \$4.50 per bbl.
Smoked bloater herring, \$1.45 per hundred.
Frozen squid, \$3.50 per cwt.
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$3 per bbl.
Shore frozen herring, \$2.50.

Local Quotations of Cured Fish.

Cured Large Georges cod \$7.25 to 7.50 per cwt.
Cured Medium Georges cod 5.75 to 6.00
Cured large Bank cod 5.50
Cured Medium Bank cod 4.75 to \$5
Kench cured large Bank cod 6.50
Kench cured medium Bank cod 6.00
Cured large shore cod 6.87 1-2
Cured medium shore cod 5.00
Cured cusk 4.75
Cured hake 2.50
Cured haddock 3.50 to 4
Heavy salted pollock 2.37 1-2
English cured pollock 3.50
Large headline bank 7.00

Mackerel.

Shore 1s \$19 to \$20 per bbl.
Shore extra 1s 21 to 22 per bbl.
Shore bloaters 24 to 25 per bbl.
Nova Scotias 18 per bbl.
Prince Edward Island 18 per bbl.
Norway bloaters 39 per bbl.
Norway 1s 29.50 per bbl.
Norway 2s 26 per bbl.
Irish 18 per bbl.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 5000 haddock.
Sch. Winnifred 28,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 600 pollock.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 500 cusk.
Sch. Manomet, 8000 haddock, 200 cod.
Sch. Angielena, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Allen H. Jones, 2000 cod.
Sch. Eleazar Boynton, Georges, 6000 lbs. cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Today's Market.

Board of trade prices: Large headline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. medium do., \$3.75; arge trawl Georges, \$4.25; medium do., \$3.50; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$4.25; medium do., \$3.50; large trawl bank cod, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.37 1-2; large dory handline cod, \$4.10; medium do., \$3.62 1-2.

Board of Trade splitting prices on sh fish —All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward, large \$2.25; medium, \$1.70; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank arge, \$2.25; medium, \$1.70; snapper cod fish, 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.60; snapper cusk, 40 cts haddock, \$1.00; Lake, \$1.10.; pollock, 60 cts

Outside sale of dory handline cod \$4.40 for large and \$3.90 for medium.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$4 per bbl.

Outside sales Georges cod, \$5 per cwt. for large, \$4 for medium.

Georges halibut, 14 cts. per lb.
Newfoundland salt herring, \$4.25 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Galatea, 7000 haddock.
Sch. Mary Edith, 7000 haddock.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 2500 haddock, 600 hake.
Sch. Electric Flash, 8000 haddock.
Sch. Livonia, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Olivia Domingoes, 4500 haddock, 300 cod.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 halibut.
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$5; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; hake and pollock, \$3.50.

Capt. Joseph Bonia is fitting sch. Carrie W. Babson for a short and early salt trip to the Peak.

Capt. Alden Geel is fitting sch. Edwin B. Holmes for a Georges trip.

Sch. Olympia was at Shelburne, N. S., last Saturday and refitted.

KILLING THE FISH.

Intense Cold Delaying Work of Fish Commission.

Vinal N. Edwards of the United States fish commission states that in all his 30 years connection with that institution he has never before known the water to keep at a such a low temperature for so long a time, and he is of the opinion that all fish life in the harbors and bays around Woods Hole has become extinct. He states that the number of gulls here exceeds anything he has ever before observed, and thinks that unless there is a break up of the ice soon there will be a great loss of life among them by starvation.

The entire stock of brood codfish held at the Woods Hole fish hatchery for hatching purposes has been killed by the anchor frost, and the fisheries steamer Philadelphia is frozen at her dock in Plymouth, thus putting a stop to the cod hatching work of the commission at Woods Hole.

Anchor frost has been of regular occurrence there for the past 10 days, and the few fish remaining in these waters which escaped the former cold snap have been killed and floated to the surface, the thousands of gulls snapping them up and procuring their food in this manner.

HAD BAD WEATHER.

Sch. Eleazar Boynton Lost Jib and Anchors on Georges.

Sch. Eleazar Boynton, Capt. Patrick Diggins, arrived from a Georges headline trip last night. Capt. Diggins reports some of the most severe weather in all his long experience. The vessel lost two anchors and had her jib blown away.

Good Stock.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Robert Porper, stocked \$2500 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$61.

Fish Scarce at Portland.

The fish market at Portland is bare. Only one small trip arrived Friday, sch. Maud S. with, 6000 pounds.

Feb. 15.

TOWNS TO LEASE CLAM FLATS.

Annual Bill Coming Up and May Be Passed.

The usual bill to allow towns to lease the clam flats to private parties is before the legislature this year, and will again have the support of the fish trust. The representatives from this district, as well as those of the neighboring districts, have always rallied to defeat this proposition and so far have succeeded. They will again do their best to defeat this bill. There is another bill before the legislature which is worthy of consideration, and which we believe is a move in the right direction. We refer to the following bill:

Section 1. Towns may by a two-thirds vote at any meeting called for the purpose, appropriate money for the cultivation, propagation and protection of clams.

Section 2. Towns may adopt by-laws for the protection of clams, and the selectmen of towns when authorized by vote of their respective towns, may adopt rules and regulations for such purpose and with such penalties, not exceeding twenty dollars for any offence, as they think proper.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Ample opportunity is given under that bill to cultivate clams and to seed in the flats. The chief point about the bill is that the work is to be done for the benefit of the common people and not for a trust or syndicate. This bill has a fair show of a favorable report from the committee.—Ipswich Chronicle.